

hope that we will be able to complete action on the FAA conference report shortly following that vote, certainly sometime during the day. It conceivably could go into the late afternoon, but we believe we can get that done at a reasonable hour. Senators should be aware that votes are possible today with respect to any other legislative items that are in the clearance process.

The distinguished Democratic leader and I will be talking about, hopefully, no longer controversial items that we can move by unanimous consent. Of course, we will advise all our colleagues.

ELECTING GARY LEE SISCO AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk electing Gary Lee Sisco as Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 307) electing Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 307) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 307

Resolved, That Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee be and he is hereby elected Secretary of the Senate.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF GARY LEE SISCO AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the President of the election of Gary Sisco as Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 308) notifying the President of the United States of the election of Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 308) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 308

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF GARY LEE SISCO AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the

House of Representatives of the election of Gary Sisco as Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 309) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 309) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 309

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The new Secretary of the Senate, escorted by the Senators from Tennessee, will present himself at the desk to take the oath of office.

The Honorable Gary Lee Sisco, escorted by the Senators from Tennessee, Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. FRIST, advanced to the desk of the President pro tempore; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the President pro tempore.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

COMMENDING KELLY D. JOHNSTON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk commending Kelly Johnston for his service to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 310) commending Kelly D. Johnston for his service to the U.S. Senate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered and agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 310) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 310

Whereas, Kelly D. Johnston faithfully served the Senate of the United States as Secretary of the Senate during the 104th Congress, and discharged the duties and responsibilities of that office with unfailing dedication and a high degree of efficiency; and

Whereas, as an elected officer of the Senate and as an employee of the Senate and the

House of Representatives, Kelly D. Johnston has upheld the high standards and traditions of the United States Congress, from his service on the staff of the House of Representatives from the 96th through the 101st Congress and then on the staff of the Senate from the 102d through the 104th Congress; and

Whereas, through his exceptional service and professional integrity as an officer and employee of the Senate of the United States, Kelly D. Johnston has earned the high esteem, confidence and trust of his associates and the Members of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the notable contributions of Kelly D. Johnston to the Senate and to his country and expresses to him its appreciation and gratitude for faithful and outstanding service.

OUR NEW SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I appreciate the cooperation of the leadership for getting this confirmation in place. I think the Senators are aware the name of KELLY JOHNSTON has been officially received by the Senate to be appointed to the Federal Election Commission, and we hope in the next couple of days final action will be taken on that nomination.

I am very pleased and honored today that we have confirmed Gary Lee Sisco to be our new Secretary of the Senate. I have known Gary for over 30 years. We were in college together. Even though he is a Tennessean, he had the very great wisdom of attending the University of Mississippi at Oxford. The Senators from Tennessee, FRED THOMPSON and BILL FRIST, I know, are very proud of this new Secretary of the Senate, but he did go to Ole Miss, and keep that in mind Thursday night.

But Gary has been a close personal friend. I have admired him for his attitude about Government, his family and his relationships with his friends and his work and his businesses. He is an outstanding human being.

He was born in Belvidere, TN. He is married to the former Mary Sue Baylis Sisco of Pascagoula, MS, once again, showing his great wisdom. As a matter of fact, my wife made the arrangements for the first blind date that Gary had with Mary Sue. She is a beautiful lady. They have three children: Stephen, 23; John, 21; and Mary Katherine, 13. I know they are very proud of their father this morning, and they are honored that he would be recognized in this way.

If I can take just a few moments to give you some more information about Gary. After he attended the University of Mississippi and received his bachelor of science in civil engineering in 1967, he also received a master of science in administration in September 1970 from George Washington University, and he attended law school at night at the University of Memphis. Gary is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves.

For the past several years, in Nashville, Gary has been involved in real estate management and sales. And before